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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 25, 1991, finally rejecting Claims 101-103, 110-112, 138, 139 and 146-151 pending in the subject application. A Petition and Fee for a two month extension of the time for response is filed herewith. the present rejection request Applicants traverse and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 146-147 and 149-151 without prejudice and amend the following claims as indicated.

101. (Twice Amended)

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